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FOR THE AMBASSADOR,

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADORS

REF: STATE 202267

1. FOLLOWING ARE DRAFTS OF SPECIFIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
FOR AMBASSADOR FOR COMING YEAR IN BOTSWANA, LESOTHO AND
SWAZILAND. AS EXPLAINED IN REFTTEL, THEY ARE NOT
DESIGNED TO REPRODUCE GENERAL OBJECTIVES OUTLINED IN
PARA'S BUT TO FOCUS ON SPECIFIC UNDERTAKINGS. YOUR
COMMENTS AND SUGGESTED CHANGES SHOULD BE SENT BACK
ASAP, AT LATEST BY SEPTEMBER 6.

2. BOTSWANA:
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A) SUPPORT KHAMA REGIME AGAINST RISING REGIONAL PRESSURES
TOWARD INSTABILITY AND RADICALIZATION.

-- EXPRESS APPROVAL OF REGIME'S CONTINUED ADHERENCE TO
DEMOCRATIC NON-RACIAL RULE AS MODEL OF U.S. HOPES FOR
SUB-CONTINENT.

-- EXPEDITE REFUGEE RELIEF PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO RELIEVE
DESTABILIZING PRESSURES OF CONTINUED INFLUX OF REFUGEES

FROM RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.

B) ENCOURAGE AND MAKE GREATER USE OF BOTSWANA'S
CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR MODERATE POLICIES IN INTERNATIONAL
FORUMS.

-- STRENGTH KHAMA'S CONSTRUCTIVE INFLUENCE WITHIN THE
FRONTLINE GROUPING BY ENSURING HIS CLEAR AND EARLY
UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. INITIATIVES.

-- INCREASE DIRECT EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS
IN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND THE FRONT LINE
STATES.

C) STRENGTHEN BOTSWANA'S ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
INDEPENDENCE.

-- ADMINISTER ASSISTANCE TO DECREASE BOTSWANA'S
DEPENDENCE ON CONTINUED OPERATION OF ITS RAILWAY SYSTEM
BY RHODESIA.

-- ENSURE THAT SHARP INCREASE IN FY 78 US AID TO
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BOTSWANA IS USED TO MAXIMUM BENEFICIAL EFFECT.

D) PROVIDE FOR CONTINGENCY NEED FOR SPECIAL CONSULAR
PROTECTIVE SERVICES.

-- PREPARE FOR POLITICALLY SENSITIVE POSSIBILITY OF
SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF U.S. CITIZEN MERCENARIES FROM
RHODESIA FORCES SEEKING CONSULAR ASSISTANCE IN BOTSWANA.

E) PROMOTE REGIONAL MILITARY STABILITY AND PEACE.

-- PARTICIPATE IN USG DECISION TO GRANT OR DENY BOTSWANA'S
REQUEST FOR U.S. ARMS TO EQUIP AN EMBRYONIC DEFENSE
FORCE.

3. LESOTHO:

A) SUPPORT CONTINUED EFFORTS AT POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC
INDEPENDENCE FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

-- EXPEDITE CONSTRUCTION WITH U.S. FUNDS OF A ROAD
RECONNECTING PARTS OF THE COUNTRY NOW EFFECTIVELY CUT

OFF BY CONFRONTATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA OVER THE TRANSKEI.

-- REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON SOUTH AFRICA BY INCREASED

ASSISTANCE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

B) STRENGTHEN LESOTHO'S INFLUENCE AS DEMOCRATIC
ALTERNATIVE TO APARTHEID AND RADICALIZATION.

-- ENCOURAGE RETURN TO GREATER RESPECT FOR HUMAN
RIGHTS AND ELECTORAL LEGITIMACY.

-- EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR LESOTHO'S REALISTIC POLICY OF
ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND FRANK BUT
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PEACEFUL CRITICISM OF APARTHEID POLICIES.

4. SWAZILAND:

A) SUPPORT SWAZI INDEPENDENCE VIS-A-VIS SOUTH AFRICA
AND MOZAMBIQUE.

-- STRENGTHEN STABILITY AND HELP DEFUSE THREAT OF
RADICALIZATION BY CONTINUED RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

-- EXPRESS APPROVAL OF MODERATE, NON-RACIAL SWAZI RULE
AS ALTERNATIVE TO BOTH SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID AND
MOZAMBIKAN ABUSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- MAKE CLEAR THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN U.S. DISAPPROVAL
OF AUTHORITARIAN RULE AND OPEN-MINDEDNESS ABOUT SWAZI-
LAND'S EXPERIMENTAL RETURN TO TRADITIONAL MODES OF
GOVERNMENT IN LIEU OF "WESTERN" CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEMS.

-- PROMOTE U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT TIES WHILE RESIST-
ING ANY DIRECT U.S. ASSISTANCE IN THE MAINTENANCE OF
INTERNAL SECURITY.

B) TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF SWAZILAND'S SUPPORT IN
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